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For: Nucleic Acids Encoding Human Serpin
Polypeptide HMCIS41 (As Amended)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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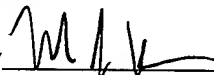
Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to and including November 3, 2003 to respond to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2003 (November 2, 2003 being a Sunday; *see* 35 U.S.C. § 21).

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-3425 in the amount of \$420.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2). The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this submission to our Deposit Account. In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

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